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1. ALTHOUGH THE REFERENCED INR REPORT DID NOT MENTION HONG KONG SPECIFICALLY, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S (HKG) VIEWS ON SINO-US RELATIONS AND NORMALIZATION WERE SICCINTCTLY SUMMARIZED RECENTLY BY THE HKG POLITICAL ADVISOR. HE SAID THAT AS CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH THE US AND THE WEST IN GENERAL HAVE IMPROVED, HONG KONG'S INTERACTION WITH CHINA HAS BECOME EASIER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE.

2.THE POLAD BELIEVED NORMALIZATION WOULD NEITHER DIRECTLY BENEFIT NOR AFFECT HONG KONG UNLESS THE PRC TOOK
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ACTION AGAINST TAIWAN. A CHINESE ATTACK OR EVEN THREAT THEREOF WOULD CAUSE A MASSIVE CAPITAL HEMORRHAGE FROM HONG KONG WHICH COULD IRREVERSIBLY DESTABLIIZE THE COLONY. HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT SUCH A PRC MOVE IN THE NEAR TERM. HE ALSO THOUGH PEKING WOULD CONCENTRATE ON REINCORPORATING TAIWAN IN OTHER WAYS BEFORE TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG AND

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